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## **King statement on nomination of David Paulison for Undersecretary for Federal Emergency Management**

**Washington, D.C. (Thursday, April 6, 2006)**—U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security Chairman Peter T. King (R-NY) released the following statement on the nomination of David Paulison for Undersecretary for Federal Emergency Management at DHS:

“As the son of a New York City police officer, and having the privilege to represent a District that is home to a large number of local and New York City first responders, I understand the importance of first-hand experience when it comes to disaster response and emergency management. And in terms of experience, no one is more qualified to lead FEMA than David Paulison,” King said. “Since assuming command of FEMA last September, Mr. Paulison has proven himself a very capable leader and emergency manager; and given his decades of experience as a local firefighter, chief of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, and as U.S. Fire Administrator, David Paulison is a terrific choice for the position of Undersecretary for Federal Emergency Management.”

“I applaud President Bush for making this outstanding nomination,” King continued. “David Paulison is the right man for the job, and as we continue to work with DHS to improve our national emergency preparation and response, he will be a tremendous asset. I thank David for all his hard work and dedication over the past several months, and I look forward to working closely with him in the future.”

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